



North Fork Local School District Superintendent's Weekly Community Update August 28, 2026

Superintendent's Message

Good morning, North Fork Team,

I want to encourage all of us to keep our focus where it belongs—**on our students**.

The school year is filled with excitement, new opportunities, and new relationships. For some students, it is a fresh start; for others, it may bring challenges or uncertainty. A smile, a kind word, a listening ear, or simply taking the time to know a student can make a tremendous difference.

As educators, we have the opportunity every day to help students feel valued, supported, and capable of success. Let's build strong relationships, set high expectations, celebrate progress, and remind our students that we believe in them.

Every student. Every day. Every opportunity. That is how we make a difference.

Thank you for the care, energy, and commitment you bring to our students each day.

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- "Balance is not something you find, it's something you create." - *Jana Kingsford*
- "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." - *Zig Ziglar*



Keep everything in perspective.

District Highlights

Stay focused on the **North Fork Way**: Support one another; Assume positive intentions; Solve problems together; Communicate professionally; Celebrate success.

Remember to be respectful, responsible, and ready. All of us need to continue to follow this golden rule.



Student Activities & Athletics

To all of our fall athletes – the season is beginning; let all of your work start to pay off.

Staff Shout Out

- I would like to give a shoutout to Jackie Roudebush, 4th and 5th grade intervention specialist at Utica Elementary. She has been so welcoming, helpful, and supportive over the last two weeks, and continues to be. She offers great insight and knowledge, especially for a new teacher like me. She is empathic and thoughtful not to only students, but coworkers too.
- I would like to give a shout out to Melissa Wray and Jessica Quinif. They have been a huge help to our department as they have assisted in labeling, building, organizing, and distributing student iPads for us.
- Caitlynn Curtin - 1st grade teacher, Newton Elementary
Thank you for demonstrating poise, confidence, respect, and professional communication. We are fortunate to have you!
Much appreciated!



(Please send nominations of individuals or events to Mr. Hartley.)

Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

1. What is included in the education of the whole child? Physical health and surroundings, mental health, social-emotional development, academic development, and cognitive growth.
 2. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Monday and went over items such as the building projects, lighting in the parking lots, the press box, and heard the maintenance supervisor's report.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 7	No School - Holiday		
Monday, September 21	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Newton Elem.
Friday, October 2	District-Wide Pep Rally		
Wednesday, October 7	Village of Utica Homecoming Parade		
October 7 – October 10	Village of Utica Homecoming		Main Street
Thursday, October 15	End of First Grading Period		
Friday, October 16	No School – PD/Records Day		

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus:

Pillar: 4

How this supports our work:

- Goal 4 presented to the board at the board meeting, focusing on the culture and safety of students.

Did You Know?

Little-known facts about the district, statistics, achievement, or interesting information:

St. Louisville students are North Fork students.

Although St. Louisville has its own identity and post office, students from the village attend North Fork Local Schools—a fact that surprises many people outside the district.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- Safety starts with supervision; if you see or hear something – say something.

Closing Thought

Mind what we say because, regardless of reality, the perception is that it is true (good or bad).

*No matter what the question, the answer is **EDUCATION!!!***

Thank you for everything you do to support our students, families, and each other. Your dedication continues to make a positive difference every day.

Have a wonderful week!